Entrance test for technical courses

1049. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new policy on entrance test for technical courses has been announced;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether the State Governments are given option of admitting students through entrance test conducted by Xavier Labour Research Institute, All India Management Association or the Association of Indian Management schools;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether there is any proposal to direct the State Governments to admit the students through the All India Engineering Entrance Examination conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) to (f) Yes, Sir. The Government of India has revised its policy for admission for technical and professional courses. According to the new policy, admissions in undergraduate programmes in all the educational institutions like National Institutes of Technology (NITs), Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs), National Institute of Forge and Foundry Technology (NIFFT), Ranchi, School of Planning and Architecture (SPA), New Delhi and other Institutes of Central Government, as specified will be made through All India Engineering Entrance Examination (AIEEE) conducted by Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). All other educational institutions like Central/Deemed Universities will have the option of participating in the above examination or conduct their own entrance examination and admit students in a fair and transparent manner.

A similar decision has been taken in regard to common entrance examinations for Admission to Master of Business Administration (MBA)/ Post Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM) or its equivalent

programmes. As per the decision all specified Central institutions admitting students on all-India basis will have to opt for one of the five examinations as specified. All the Central/Deemed Universities will have the option to participate in these tests or conduct their own entrance examination and admit students in a fair and transparent manner. The State Governments have the option of admitting students through any of the specified Common Admission Tests or through their own entrance test.

As regard giving option to the State Governments, the State Governments shall continue to hold their own common entrance tests for admissions in institutions within their States as before. However, States willing to participate in the AIEEE for all or a part of the total seats in the State can participate in AIEEE.

National Commission on Education

1050. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to set up a National Commission on Education on the lines of University Grants Commission for primary and upper primary education;

(b) if so, whether after having consultation with the Ministries of the Finance, Home and Planning Commission, a final decision has been taken; and

(c) if so, by when the Commission is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) to (c) The proposal for setting up a National Commission on Education is under considerastion of the Government. A final decision in the matter has not yet been taken.

Study on School Education

1051. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has recently conducted a study on imparting education in private and public schools;